New Sugar Factories

3864. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sugar factories in the country to whom licences have been issued but due to escalation in investment cost the projects could not get materialised;

(b) the number of such projects in Maharashtra;

(c) the escalation in investment cost of such project and by when the difference would be met and in what manner;

(d) the fate of new licences as the Projects pending for the last three years with the Central Government; and by when any decision would be taken; and

(e) what criteria are proposed to be adopted for the issue of new licences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) As on 31-10-1992, 98 letters of intent issued for establishment of new sugar factories were pending implementation. Industrial Finance Corporation of India has reported that at present 49 proposals for financial assistance for setting up of new sugar factories are pending with the Central Financial Institutions. Out of these 49, 27 are from the State of Maharashtra.

According to the Financial Institutions, due to escalation in the project cost, the viability of a new sugar project has become uncertain particularly on account of non-availability of adequate incentives. The Institutions propose to review the pending applications after the revision of the Incentive Scheme by the Government and the viability picture becoming clearer.

(d) In view of the large pendency of unimplemented letters of intent/licences already issued, proposals for setting up of new sugar factories have not yet been taken up for consideration.

(e) Central Government has announced the licensing policy guidelines for sugar industry for the sugar year 1991-92 and the 8th Five Year Plan (1992-93 — 1996-97) vide Press Note dated 8-11-1991.

Heritage Zone in Orissa

3865. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Orissa has urged the Central Government to give priority to the conservation and development of the heritage zone in Bhubneshwar dating back to the third century B.C.;

(b) if so, what is Government's response thereto;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage has prepared a project report for the development of the heritage zone;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether it is also a fact that Government of Orissa have proposed to the centre to seek financial assistance from the UNESCO for this purpose; and

(f) if so, whether the Central Government have processed the request made to it?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) The Government of Orissa have requested the Central Government to recommend the proposal for Ekamra Kshetra Heritage Zone Project to the UNESCO for assistance. The Central Government have recommended the case to the UNESCO.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The salient features of the project

report prepared by INTACH are declaration of heritage zone as delimited in the INTACH report and development of guidelines and town planning schemes which will include public transport system, upgradation of certain areas, neighbourhood amenities etc. and dharamshalas and yatrikas.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir.

Food Poisoning in NDMC School

3866. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently about 50 School children suffered from food poisoning after consuming sweetened Soya nuts as mid-day meal in a NDMC School;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have instituted an inquiry Committee to find out the lapses; and

(d) if so, what are the findings of the Committee?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPERMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) (a) and (b) According to New Delhi Municipal Committee, the distribution of sweetened Soya nuts was made available in all morning shifts in NDMC Schools from Class nursery to VIII but no such incident occurred except one alergic case of Soya product in which about 50 children were affected.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The enquiry report is under examination by NDMC.

Modified National Policy on Education

3867. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are finalising a modified national Policy on education with cost effectiveness and accountability;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) provision of funds made for education, primary, secondary, Higher education and Technical Educationa separately during Eighth Plan; and

(d) how does it compare with the expenditure incurred under these heads during the Seventh Plan period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPERMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) (a) and (b) The Government is of the view that the National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 has stood the test of time. Based on an in-depth review of the whole gamut of the education situation and formulated on the basis of a national consensus, it contained a comprehensive framework to guide development of education in its entirety. That framework continues to be of relevance. However, the developments during the last few years and experience in the implementation of the Policy necessitated certain modifications. These modifications were tabled in the House on 7th May, 1992.

(c) and (d) A statement showing sector-wise allocation for Eighth Five Year Plan and the expenditure incurred during the Seventh Five Year Plan is annexed.